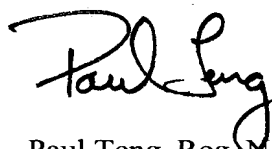


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending, with claim 1 being the sole pending claim in independent form. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3-7 and 9 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, in order to reduce the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "P" and a cursive "Teng".

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